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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Preliminary to examination, please amend the herewith filed application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the full paragraph on page 3, lines 4-19 to read as follows:

As a plate which does not need a process of development, a plate comprising a substrate having provided thereon an inorganic light absorbing layer comprising titanium or titanium oxide and an ink-repellent layer made of a silicone resin in this order is disclosed in Japanese Patent Laid-Open Publication No.

314934(1995), and also this plate has been already on the market.

In this plate the silicone resin layer repels an ink and becomes a non-image area, while an image area is formed by irradiation